City Challenge Fund to reform urban bodies

901. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that $ 160 million City Challenge Fund has been set up recently with a loan extended to Government by the D.F.I.D. of the United Kingdom to reform the urband bodies; and

(b) if so, the details of the projects identified in various States as also of the terms of the loan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) and (b) A proposal to set up a "City Challenge Fund" for introducing an economic programme for supporting city-wide reforms has been forwarded to the Department of International Development (DFID), who have confirmed their preliminary interest in the proposal. The proposal is yet to be approved.

Complaint regarding bogus payment by MCD

902. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any complaint from Bhrastachar Nirodhak Samiti (Hastal), Uttam Nagar, New Delhi regarding bogus payment worth crores of rupees by MCD in Ward No. 17, 47 and 48 Div. XXIII;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have conducted any enquiry into those matter; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?